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Washington, May 19.—Probably showers tonight and tomorrow.											
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SOPWITH PILOT DECLARED SIGHTED NEAR ERIN IN HIS ATTEMPT TO CROSS OCEAN

Airplane Company Hears That Australian Was Approaching His Destination at 4 P. M., but Government Receives No Confirmation

BRITISH NAVAL AND MILITARY LOOKOUTS FAIL TO DISCOVER DARING FLIER

Rayham's Machine Wrecked in Hop-Off at St. John's When Rival Took Air—Storm Condition Abates, Aiding Hawker

By the Associated Press.

London, May 19.—The manager of the Sopwith Airplane Company received a report at 5 o'clock this afternoon that Aviator Hawker was 150 miles off Ireland at 4 p. m. today (11 a. m. Philadelphia time) in his transatlantic flight from Newfoundland. The air ministry announced, however, that it had no confirmation of the report.

An earlier report to the Sopwith company said that Hawker was 500 miles off the coast at 3 p. m. (10 a. m. Philadelphia time). Unofficial reports received by the American navy here also said Hawker had been sighted off the Irish coast.

[These two reports are conflicting. If, as indicated in the first dispatch, Hawker was 500 miles off the Irish coast at 3 p. m., he could not have flown in one hour to within 150 miles of that goal.]

A map shop in Fleet street this afternoon was showing a chart purporting to give Hawker's position at 4:30 o'clock, a. m., at about longitude 32, latitude 52. There is no confirmation of this report, however, from any other source.

Naval and military lookouts on the western coast of Ireland reported at 2 o'clock this afternoon that they had seen no sign of Hawker. London anxiously awaited news of the aviator.

Brooklands, England, May 19.—(By A. P.)—The reports received this afternoon that Harry G. Hawker, who flew from Newfoundland yesterday in his Sopwith airplane, had been sighted off Ireland were received with the greatest enthusiasm here, where the Sopwith headquarters are located.

So confident were Hawker's friends that he would succeed in his transatlantic flight that as soon as his departure was announced arrangements were made for his reception. Mrs. Hawker, wife of the aviator, and her daughter were among the many who came to Brooklands this afternoon in anticipation of welcoming him, as it was known to Mrs. Hawker that her husband intended to make directly for the Brooklands airfield if he found it possible.

St. John's N. F., May 19.—(By A. P.)—A report was received here at noon today (10:30 Philadelphia time) that Harry G. Hawker's Sopwith biplane had been sighted off the Irish coast. There was great rejoicing by his associates here, and Frederick P. Rayham, his rival, whose transatlantic start came to grief here yesterday, immediately cable congratulations.

Navigators and aviators here watched the weather reports received from vessels in mid-ocean to learn under what conditions Harry C. Hawker and Commander Mackenzie Grievie were making their non-stop dash to Ireland in an attempt to beat the Yankee air sailors. Atmospheric conditions improved during the night, according to reports received here. For the first 200 miles, quattering head winds prevailed, but for the next thousand miles beyond, a light west wind obtained.

It was calculated by navigators here that Hawker and Grievie would meet at about 4:22 o'clock this morning, approximately at 21 degrees west longitude. This was assuming that the fliers would maintain a speed averaging 100 miles an hour. Hawker expected to average 106 miles an hour. The little Sopwith biplane carried sufficient fuel

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What! Again?
Here's some dope that's true:
Cloudiness increasing;
Showers late tonight;
Moderate winds increasing.
Like the bird in cabin's cage,
Temperature knows little change.

RANTZAU RETURNS TO PARIS DESPITE RUMORS OF SPLIT

Foe's Chief Envoy Brings War Experts and Counter-Proposals, It Is Believed

GERMAN MARTIAL HEADS ADVISE SIGNING TREATY

Resistance Would Be Hopeless, Hindenburg Says at Important Conference

By the Associated Press.

Versailles, May 19.—Count von Brockdorff Rantzau, head of the German peace mission, who left for Spain on Saturday night, returned to Versailles this morning. He was accompanied by Herr Landsberg and Herr Giesberts, two other members of the delegation who had been to Berlin.

General von Secht, military expert; Max von Wassermann, one of the managers of the Reichsbank; and a number of additional naval and military experts also were in the party. It is understood that the German delegation will reassemble during the day to perfect counter-proposals to the Allied terms, details of which were discussed with representatives of the Berlin Government at Spa.

The return of the head of the German delegation was without ceremony. The party left the train at Noisy-le-Roi and came by automobile to Versailles.

An important meeting to consider the peace situation was held in Berlin Friday. It was attended by all the members of the German cabinet, representatives of the various political parties and a number of generals, the newspaper says. Chancellor Scheideemann, it is added, referred to the possibility of an alliance with the Russian Bolshevik government, but without advising it.

Hindenburg Sees No Hope
Field Marshal von Hindenburg is reported to have told the meeting that any resistance was impossible and that the military leaders were inclined to the necessity of signing the treaty.

It was reported in Versailles without confirmation last night that Count von Brockdorff Rantzau had offered his resignation and would be replaced eventually by Chancellor Scheideemann.

One Paris paper suggests that the subject of Rantzau's journey was to receive Germany's counter-proposals to the peace terms. It is thought that he went to confer with experts from Berlin on the financial clauses of the treaty, and especially to meet Herr Landsberg and Herr Giesberts, who are reported to have brought instructions to him from the German Government.

A dispatch from Berlin says President Ebert, in addressing the assembly there yesterday, said that Germany would "never sign the peace terms." The demonstration was held in the Lustgarten and was attended by a great crowd. President Ebert described the peace terms as "the product of the enemy's revengeful hysteria," and added: "Foreign countries will not permit the prosecution of Germany. They will raise their voices with us that this peace of enslavement, which we will never sign, shall not come to pass."

Council of Four Meets
The Council of Four met this morning. The German note on the status of the German religious missions and further details of Bulgarian and Turkish affairs were to be considered at the meeting.

Magistrate Wrigley declared that Bauer had a right to do picket duty so long as he acted orderly. Bauer was discharged.

LISBON WAITING FOR NC-4

Whistles Will Notify Populace When Flight Is Begun

Lisbon, May 18.—(By A. P.)—The cruise of Rochester with Rear Admiral Phinck on board and the supply ship Shenandoah were here today awaiting the coming of the NC-4. American naval officers continue their meteorological observations at the Lisbon observatory and consider general conditions favorable for a continuance of the flight.

The American naval mission has arranged to notify the people of Lisbon at the fact when the plane leaves the Azores by blowing whistles. The whistling will be repeated an hour before the aviators are expected here.

FORD STILL SEEKS SEAT

Files Notice of Contest in Election of Senator Newberry

Washington, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Formal notice of a contest in the election of Truman H. Newberry, Republican senator-elect from Michigan, was given today with the filing in the Senate of petitions by Henry Ford, defeated Democrat candidate, asking for an investigation of campaign expenditures and a recount of the ballots. The charges are a repetition of those presented by Mr. Ford last season to the Senate election committee.

HERE HE IS!



HARRY G. HAWKER
Australian flier winging his way across the Atlantic

BRITISH WARSHIPS ROUT RED FLEET IN GULF OF FINLAND

One Bolshevik Vessel Sunk, Another Stranded After Brief Fight

By A. P.

Helsinki, May 19.—British warships engaged the Russian Bolshevik fleet in a thirty-five-minute fight in the Gulf of Finland Sunday. The Bolsheviks fled to Kronstadt after one of their vessels had been sunk and another stranded.

A Bolshevik cruiser, two torpedo-boats and some mine sweepers left Kronstadt, the naval port of Petrograd, at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, and at the same time the Bolshevik batteries at Krassnaya Gorka, on the mainland southwest of Kronstadt, began to shell the Finnish coast in the neighborhood of Ino.

The British warships moved out to meet the Bolsheviks and were the first to open fire.

A report sent by wireless from Moscow by the Bolshevik government yesterday said:

"Along the Gulf of Finland the enemy made a descent under cover of their warships in the region of Kasko-lyvo, ten versts eastward of the mouth of the Luga seventy-five miles south-west of Petrograd."

"The villages of Ropsha and Kusimkina, twenty versts northward of the Narva, were bombed by enemy ships. Gdoff, on Lake Peipus, was abandoned by Red troops under pressure of the enemy."

BAPTISTS SEEK BEER DATA

Want Congress to Define What Per Cent of Alcohol Is Intoxicating

Acting on recommendation of the committee on civic righteousness, the Baptist Ministerial Union, in weekly meeting this morning, voted to petition Congress to define what percentage of alcohol puts beer in the class of intoxicating beverages.

The ministers said that the provisions of the prohibition amendment are too indefinite on that point, and believed that confusion would result in enforcing the law when it comes into effect. The meeting took place in the First Church, Seventeenth and Wisconsin streets.

Manayunk Man Killed by Train

His watch, broken and stopped at 11:25, showing at what time he had been struck by a train, Michael Sado, 190 Carroer street, Manayunk, was found ten minutes later by a policeman as he lay along the Reading Railway tracks near Green lane crossing. He died while being taken to St. Timothy's Hospital.

"\$200,000,000 BABY" M'LEAN KILLED; MOTHER NOT TOLD

Struck by Car Driven by Women—Famous Little Heir Momentarily Escaped Attention of Guards

Washington, May 19.—Vinson Walsh McLean, the famous McLean baby, heir to many millions, is dead, the victim of an automobile accident.

The anxious parents, who have not yet been told the exact cause of the accident, were in Cincinnati, where last night a telephone message was sent them that the "millionaire baby" was very ill.

G. O. P. IN SADDLE, CONGRESS BEGINS EXTRA SESSION

Republicans Elect Cummins and Gillett According to Pre-arranged Plan

BILLS ASK REPEAL OF TAX MEASURES

Spirit of Reconciliation Apparent Among Republicans in Senate

By BART HALEY

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ELIMINATE MUSIC IN HYMNALS, EPISCOPAL CLERGYMEN SUGGEST

Ministers Say Organ Can Play Melody and Congregation Could Chant Songs

A purpose to eliminate all music from the hymnals of the Protestant Episcopal Church was discussed today at the weekly meeting of Episcopal clergymen and laymen at the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut streets.

Suggestion that the music be taken from the books was made by the Rev. Dr. H. A. Medary, of the Church of the Advocate. Several other rectors present agreed with him.

'WILLFUL GROUP' WILL TRY TO BURY LEAGUE UNDER TONS OF TALK

Early Split of Peace Treaty From Covenant Planned, Says Cloakroom Gossip, as Lawmakers Gather

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Indications of a general compromise between the two bodies were apparent today.

PASTORS ASSAIL SUNDAY SPORTS

Park Commissioners Bolshevick Court Rules Landlord Cannot in Character, Declare Methodists Show Discrimination With Elevators and Phones

The Fairmount Park Commissioners were compared with Bolsheviks by the Rev. T. M. Mutchler, president of the Lord's Day Alliance, in an address at a meeting of the Methodist ministers in Wesley Building today, in which he decried their action of permitting athletics in the park on Sundays.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

"We regret the action of the Park Commissioners in allowing sports in the park on Sundays and we wish to register this protest for the following reasons:

MISSING PLANE FOUND 7 MILES FROM AZORES

Commander Towers and Crew All Believed to Be Safe Aboard

NC-3 TRAVELS 500 MILES AFTER DESCENT IN OCEAN

NC-4 Is Turned Up and Ready for Flight From Horta

MAY HOP OFF TODAY

Aviators of NC-1 on Ship—Belinger Makes Report on Accident

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—The lost naval seaplane NC-3, commanded by Commander J. H. Towers, lost in midatlantic since 5:15 Saturday morning, was today reported to the Navy Department proceeding toward Ponta Delgada, Azores, under her own power seven miles from land.

This message was received at the Navy Department early this afternoon from Rear Admiral Jackson at Ponta Delgada:

"The NC-3 located seven miles north of Ponta Delgada under her own power."

The message was filed at 12:10 p. m. Washington time, and while it made no mention of the crew naval officers were certain that Commander Towers and his four men were safe. Details of the men's experience on the plane during the more than forty-eight hours they spent in fog and storm were expected soon after the NC-3 reached Ponta Delgada.

Admiral Jackson's report was taken here to mean that Commander Towers after having been forced to alight on the water by fog had been driven northward and eastward by the storm until he was able to taxi his craft to safety on the surface probably 500 miles from the point where fog forced him down when within a short distance of the "land fall" at the Azores.

By the Associated Press.

Horta, Azores, May 19.—The NC-4 was being on this afternoon preparatory for its flight to Ponta Delgada.

It is planned to start for Ponta Delgada as soon as the weather permits. At 2:30 p. m. local time, the weather indicated showers.

The plan to get to Lisbon from Horta has been given up because of lack of fuel, making it necessary to land at Ponta Delgada. The aviators also desire to make the flight during daylight hours, which would be impossible if they started from Horta.

The crew of the NC-1 was picked up by the steamer Ionia Saturday afternoon after they had been tossed about in the water for five hours in their damaged plane. All the men were exhausted and suffering from seasickness when picked up. The plane is almost a total wreck.

Lieutenant Commander F. N. L. Belinger, the commander of the NC-1, gave out the following statement today:

"The NC-1 was the last plane to take the air at Terceira, doing so at 10:10 p. m. Friday (Greenwich time). We proceeded on the course being guided by the smoke and searchlights from the destroyers and the star shells they sent up. After passing most of the station ships we did not meet with any trouble until we got into fog at 11:30 a. m. Saturday, when we were near Station 18. After being in the fog for some time we alighted on the water at 1:10 p. m. Saturday."

Last Hearings in Fog

"We kept to our course until we struck the fog, when we lost our bearings. We deemed it advisable to head into the wind toward land to get our bearings before proceeding. We were then flying about 3000 feet in a different direction on the surface of the water than it was above and also that the fog was more dense at the lower altitude."

"We made a good landing on the sea, which was rough and choppy, with heavy swells. The strong wind continued until we were picked up."

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When you think of writing, think of WHITEIG.